

U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT

**CALL FOR PUBLIC-PRIVATE ALLIANCE PROPOSALS RELATED TO THE
METHANE TO MARKETS PARTNERSHIP
UNDER EXISTING
ANNUAL PROGRAM STATEMENT
APS No: M/OAA/GRO/EGAS – 07 - 063**

This program is authorized in accordance with Part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 as amended.

USAID's bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade (EGAT) would like to make a special call for the **submission of concept papers related to the President's announcement on the International Methane to Markets Partnership.**

The Methane to Markets Partnership is an international initiative that focuses on advancing cost-effective, near-term methane recovery and use as a clean energy source. The Partnership will reduce global methane emissions to enhance economic growth, promote energy security, improve the environment, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Other benefits include improving mine safety, reducing waste, and improving local air quality. The goals of the Partnership will be accomplished through collaboration between developed countries, developing countries, and countries with economies in transition - together with strong participation from the private sector, development banks, and other governmental and non-governmental organizations. The Methane to Markets Partnership initially targets three major methane sources: landfills, underground coal mines, and natural gas and oil systems.

USAID seeks to develop alliances that bring innovative approaches, promising measurable impact to support the core activities of the Methane to Markets Partnership. These core activities include:

- Identifying and promoting areas of bilateral, multilateral, and private sector collaboration on methane recovery and use.
- Developing improved emissions estimates and identifying the largest relevant emission sources to facilitate project development.
- Identifying cost-effective opportunities to recover methane emissions for energy production and potential financing mechanisms to encourage investment.
- Improving the legal, regulatory, financial, institutional and other conditions necessary to attract investment in methane recovery and utilization projects.
- Identifying and implementing collaborative projects aimed at addressing specific challenges to methane recovery, such as raising awareness in key industries, removing barriers to project development and implementation, identifying project opportunities, and demonstrating technologies.
- Developing collaborative action plans that outline a series of concrete activities and actions that directly support the core goals and functions of the Partnership.

- Developing and implementing a process for evaluating progress and reporting results.

Project proposals that address these core activities in USAID supported Methane to Market Partner countries may be submitted under USAID's Annual Program Statement (APS) No. GDA-05-001. The list of Methane to Market Partnership countries for which USAID is soliciting proposals are the following:

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| • Brazil | • Mexico |
| • Colombia | • Nigeria |
| • Ecuador | • Russia |
| • India | • Ukraine |

The USAID Missions and Washington operating units will be responsible for the proposal review process and management of the award process. Applicants are required to submit short concept papers to USAID missions or to the appropriate Washington operating unit for regional or global projects. Applicants may receive instructions on whether or not to proceed with a full proposal. Technical comments provided on the concept paper should guide the submission of the full proposal.

While the Methane to Markets Partnership is in effect for five years, proposals for funding during the current fiscal year must be submitted before the close of the fiscal year on September 30, 2007. Proposals submitted after September will require submission under the 2008 APS.

For information regarding guidelines and procedures to submit a concept paper, please refer to the 2007 Annual Program Statement (APS) posted by the USAID Global Development Alliance (GDA) Secretariat. The APS can be found at the following website: www.usaid.gov/gda.

In addition to the USAID supported countries, the Methane to Markets Partnership includes the following member countries: Argentina, Australia, Canada, China, Germany, Italy, Japan, Poland, South Korea, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Concept papers and proposals for these countries will be entertained by the other US government agencies involved in the partnership (EPA, DOE, TDA, and State Department). These proposals should be submitted first to USAID's Energy Team Leader, Gordon Weynand (GoWeynand@usaid.gov) for referral to the appropriate government agency.

Before submitting a concept paper we encourage applicants to speak with key technical staff involved in the Methane to Markets Partnership and/or the appropriate USAID point of contact. These staff can inform you whether or not your idea is appropriate to the country of interest and aligned with Methane to Markets Partnership goals in the country.

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Additional background information on the Methane to Markets Partnership may be found at www.methanetomarkets.org and www.epa.gov/methanetomarkets.